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Subject: Mitigation Field Work Complete, Simplot Phosphates, Vernal Phosphate Mine, M/047/0007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Hunsaker:

Simplot Phosphates LLC has completed the field work portion of the treatment plan for cultural resource sites 42UN8049 and 42UN8053. These sites were determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and Simplot submitted, and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) approved, a treatment plan. The field work and associated analysis are summarized in the attached report. Simplot intends to disturb these sites as part of its mine expansion.

Based on this report, the Division would like to allow Simplot to mine through these areas. Please notify me whether you can agree with the determination that this portion of the treatment plan has been completed. The Division will still expect the mine operator to complete reporting and other requirements.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this request.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: April 1, 2015, letter from Simplot, Archaeological Mitigation Report

Cc: John Spencer, Simplot (john.spencer@simplot.com)

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